

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_ . ADMINISTRATION OF TRICARE.**

2 Subsection (a) of section 1073 of title 10, United  
3 States Code, is amended—

4 (1) by striking “Except” and inserting “(1) Ex-  
5 cept”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
7 paragraph:

8 “(2) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the  
9 Secretary of Defense shall have sole responsibility for ad-  
10 ministering the TRICARE program and making any deci-  
11 sion affecting such program.”.